

We claim:

1. A system comprising:

a resource; and,

one or more mobile wireless consoles, each mobile wireless console at least indirectly communicating wirelessly with the resource over a wireless network in accordance with an open, common, and non-proprietary protocol to manage the resource.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the resource is one of a server and a network platform.

3. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a firewall protecting the resource; and,

a wireless gateway outside the firewall, such that each mobile wireless console directly communicates wirelessly with the wireless gateway over the wireless network to indirectly communicate wirelessly with the resource, the wireless gateway communicating with the resource over a wired network through the firewall.

4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a wireless gateway, such that each mobile wireless console directly communicates wirelessly with the wireless gateway over the wireless network to indirectly communicate wirelessly with the resource, the wireless gateway communicating with the resource over a wired network.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein each mobile wireless console directly communicates wirelessly with the resource over the wireless network.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more mobile wireless consoles is each selected from the group of mobile wireless consoles essentially consisting of: a wireless phone, and a personal-digital-assistant (PDA) device having mobile wireless communication capability.
7. The system of claim 1, wherein each mobile wireless console at least indirectly communicates wirelessly to manage the resource to perform pre-boot management activities related to the resource.
8. The system of claim 1, wherein each mobile wireless console at least indirectly communicates wirelessly to manage the resource to perform in-band management activities related to the resource.
9. The system of claim 1, wherein the open, common, and non-proprietary protocol is a version of one of the Wireless Access Protocol (WAP) and an Internet Protocol (IP)-based mobile protocol.
10. The system of claim 1, wherein each mobile wireless console has a protocol stack in accordance with the open, common, and non-proprietary protocol.

11. A method comprising:

receiving a message including a resource management operation intended for a resource at a mobile wireless console;

encoding the message at the mobile wireless console in accordance with an open, common, and non-proprietary protocol; and,

sending the message as encoded from the mobile wireless console for ultimate delivery to the resource for performance of the resource management operation over a wireless network in accordance with the open, common, and non-proprietary protocol.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving the message as encoded at a wireless gateway from the mobile wireless console over the wireless network in accordance with the open, common, and non-proprietary protocol;

decoding the message at the wireless gateway in accordance with the open, common, and non-proprietary protocol;

sending the message as decoded from the wireless gateway for ultimate delivery to the resource for performance of the resource management operation over a wired network;

receiving the message at the resource from the wireless gateway over the wired network; and,

performing the resource management operation at the resource.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein sending the resource management operation as decoded from the wireless gateway over the wired network comprises sending the

resource management operation as decoded from the wireless gateway through a firewall over the wired network.

14. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving the resource management operation as encoded at the resource from the mobile wireless console over the wireless network in accordance with the open, common,

and non-proprietary protocol;

decoding the resource management operation at the resource in accordance with the open, common, and non-proprietary protocol; and,

performing the resource management operation at the resource.

15. An article comprising:

a computer-readable signal-bearing medium; and,

means in the medium for managing a resource by at least indirectly communicating wirelessly with the resource over a wireless network in accordance with an open, common, and non-proprietary protocol.

16. The article of claim 15, wherein the means is for managing the resource by directly communicating wirelessly with a wireless gateway over the wireless network to indirectly communicate wirelessly with the resource, the wireless gateway communicating with the resource over a wired network through a firewall.

17. The article of claim 15, wherein the means is for managing the resource by directly communicating wirelessly with a wireless gateway over the wireless network to

indirectly communicate wirelessly with the resource, the wireless gateway communicating with the resource over a wired network.

18. The article of claim 15, wherein the means is for managing the resource by directly communicating wirelessly with the resource over the wireless network.

19. The article of claim 15, wherein the means is for managing the resource to perform at least one of pre-boot management activities related to the resource and in-band management activities related to the resource.

20. The article of claim 15, wherein the medium is one of a recordable data storage medium and a modulated carrier signal.